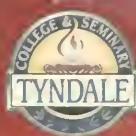


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Stability in the Midst of Change

On August 15, 2002, the Ontario Provincial Government officially received an application from Tyndale College & Seminary for permission to grant Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in eight major areas of study: Religious Studies, Religious Studies Honours, Business Administration, English, History, Philosophy, Psychology, and Human Services (Early Childhood Education and Social Service Work). Approval will allow Tyndale College to offer students the option of two different degree experiences, the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and the Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE).

The privilege of offering a BA degree is a new venture for Tyndale and is being driven by two primary streams of thinking. First, in discussions with College alumni, many graduates have commented that they wish their Tyndale degree was a BA degree. While readily acknowledging the value of their education at Tyndale and the specific programs they completed, many graduates have expressed frustration in having their degree recognized when attempting to obtain employment in positions that are not directly linked to ministry. In their estimation, a traditional BA degree would have carried a greater recognition in the marketplace. Providing students with the best possible means of ministry or career placement is an obligation and a privilege, and obtaining the permission to grant a BA degree will assist Tyndale College in this effort.

The other primary motivation driving the application process is a broadening sense of the word "missions." Traditionally, the

Canadian evangelical community has understood missions in the context of international service and evangelism. But under such an interpretation, opportunities for domestic service and evangelism are often overshadowed. With the introduction of a new BA option, Tyndale College would be able to prepare men and women to not only choose to enter the traditional context of foreign missions but to be educated in a way that allows them to see the opportunities for service within their own domestic marketplace professions.

At the heart of these motivations for Tyndale's BA application is an understanding of the centrality of God's Church. It is through the institution of His Church that the message of the gospel will be most effectively communicated to our society. In whatever program of study they are enrolled, every student at Tyndale is being taught from this perspective. Regardless of their major or program, Tyndale College students have taken, and will continue to take, the



equivalent of a major in Bible. And while the programs of English, History, Business, Philosophy and Psychology are being added, the traditional programs in Pastoral, Youth and General Ministries are being retained.

What Tyndale College wants to offer to students is a choice. Students will continue be able to come to Tyndale to prepare for ministry service in the church or overseas. They will also be able to come to be educated in a subject that, until now, was usually only studied in the context of a public university.

Upon approval of Tyndale's BA degree, students will have the opportunity to become proficient in a particular area of study, learn how the Christian faith informs their studies, and discover how they can take the truth of what they have learned into society and make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

QAB Application Update

On August 20, 2002, the Quality Assessment Board (QAB) of the Province of Ontario officially received Tyndale College & Seminary's application to offer the Bachelor of Arts degree. This was posted on the QAB website and the public had until September

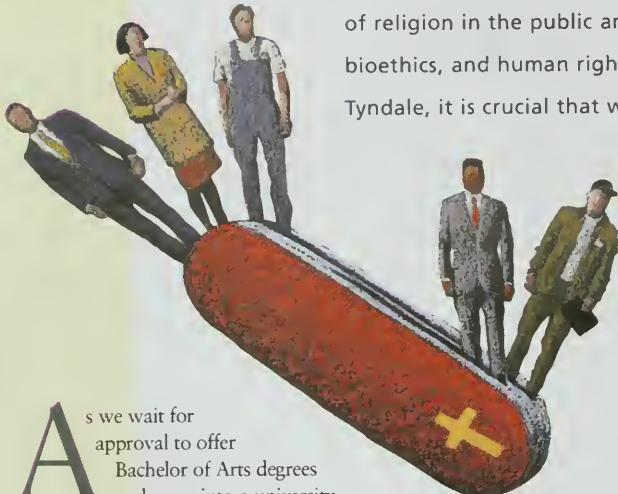
24 to make comments regarding the application. The next step was to appoint the membership of the Organizational Review Panel and Program Review Panel. The Organizational Review took place on November 1 and the Program Review is scheduled to take place prior to Christmas if at all possible. It is our hope that the QAB will have recommendations from both panels

before Christmas and that a decision from the Minister of Education will follow soon after that point. According to Dr. Craig Carter, Vice President and Academic Dean of the College, "We look forward to this process of review because, although we know our academic standards are already high, we want good feedback on how to improve continuously our programs and courses."

Pluralism, Freedom, and the Secular State

—by Jodi McIsaac, Managing Editor

Earlier this fall, the McGill Faculty of Religious Studies and the Centre for Cultural Renewal co-sponsored a conference on the topic of "Pluralism, Religion, and Public Policy." Together, academics, politicians, religious leaders, scientists, lawyers, and other interested parties debated and discussed the role of religion in the public arena in regard to such areas as lawmaking, politics, bioethics, and human rights. At this time more than ever in the long history of Tyndale, it is crucial that we pay close attention to such issues.



As we wait for approval to offer Bachelor of Arts degrees and grow into a university college, we must prepare to assume an increased level of responsibility to and interaction with society and the state that governs it. The areas of Canadian life upon which we have direct influence are about to extend far beyond the traditional forms of church-based ministry. If it is truly our mission "to educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ," then their ability and freedom to do so must be paramount in our minds, no matter what their profession or involvement in society. Our graduates will leave Tyndale seeking validation as legitimate participants in the public square, and as the recent Trinity Western University vs. British

Columbia College of Teachers case so effectively demonstrated, this participation is not always welcome or understood. We must force ourselves to ask the difficult and complicated questions, which are in some cases already upon us and which we will have to face with increasing intensity as we become a larger player in Canadian society.

What influence, then, should positions based on faith have in areas of public policy, whether it be same-sex marriages, cloning, or professional credibility? Preston Manning, William Galston, Father Richard John Neuhaus, and others among the conference's distinguished guests have joined us in our lament of the relegation

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of religious considerations to the private sphere. Faith-based positions should not be invalidated solely because of their religious origins and those who hold them should be welcome participants in the public square of deliberation and decision-making. But even as we long for greater freedom in this regard, our existence in a liberal democracy—which presupposes that individuals cannot claim the only legitimate seat at the table—carries with it a perceived duty to open up the discussion to others as well. Faith communities in a pluralistic society such as ours must learn to engage each other in vigorous discourse while living peaceably and maintaining the bonds of civility.

Conference co-chair Douglas Farrow remarked that the issue with which we are concerned here is not choice, but freedom. As the number of diverse communities and interest groups clamouring for validation increases, the state must resist the temptation to overstep its boundaries by adopting the role of babysitter. The world into which we send our graduates should be one in which there is freedom for the truth and yet no obligation to treat all would-be truths equally. This is truly a delicate balancing act, and one which requires the state to limit itself in order to ensure that all of society's various moral and religious communities, including ours, can co-exist in freedom.

As we move into the future as an educational institution and training ground for leaders in society, let us hope that religious beliefs and practices will no longer be excluded from the public square. Ours is the freedom to enter into the discussion, declare what we believe to be morally right, and have these convictions stand as valid considerations. We must claim this freedom for ourselves and for our graduates as we prepare them to be effective agents of change in society.

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Dr. Mark Noll Delivers Honeyman Lectures

by Rebecca A. Carter

Tyndale College & Seminary was pleased to host Dr. Mark Noll on October 15-16 as the John Honeyman Memorial Lecturer for 2002. Dr. Noll is Professor of Christian Thought and Director of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College in Chicago. He is a well-respected historian and prolific author in the area of North American evangelicalism.

Noll's first lecture was a call to all Christians to take the life of the mind more seriously. Evangelicals in particular have not been known for their intellectual pursuits and so Noll very clearly enunciated why Christians should include intellectual activities as part of their life goal to love and serve God. Jesus is the source of all knowledge and the Creator of all

things; He provides both the means to think as well as all subjects about which one should think.

In his main lecture on Tuesday evening, Noll answered the question "What Ever Happened to Christian Canada?" Canada's religious landscape experienced dramatic change in the twentieth century. Up until the 1960's Canada could be characterized as "more Christian" in comparison to the United States. Noll's goal was not to determine demographic changes in the number of "true Christians" but to explain why many visible expressions of Christian faith and practice have receded in Canadian public life.

Looking back to the eighteenth century in his third and final lecture, Noll was able to trace the beginnings and development of evangelicalism in North America. It was shown that a number of elements were present in the mid-eighteenth century that allowed the

movement to emerge at that exact time. The combination of great preachers such as George Whitfield and Jonathan Edwards, shifting ecclesiastical, social and political structures and a special movement of the Holy Spirit came together by the 1750's.

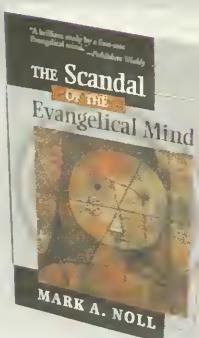
In each of Noll's lectures a Christian worldview was evident in his methodology. Being both a historian and a Christian, he used the tools of the historical discipline with skill, demonstrating cause and effect as a result of many historical factors. However, along with political, social and economic realities, Noll explained that he recognized another reality, that of the spiritual realm. Spiritual causality must accompany earthly causality to explain historical developments. It was in this way that Noll provided an inspiring example to the Tyndale community of how to truly integrate faith and learning.

The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind

—Review by Rebecca A. Carter



Mark Noll



Mark Noll is blunt in his criticism of North American evangelicalism. His now-famous opening sentence reads, "The scandal of the evangelical mind is that there is not much of an evangelical mind." In what he calls an epistle to fellow evangelicals, one finds a firm rebuke, an explanation of how evangelicals got to their present state and an outline of how they can remedy the 'scandal.' This work is not a scholarly study, but a synthesized analysis of a subject about which Noll obviously feels passionate. It is therefore a book intended for lay people, for within it is a message that all evangelicals need to hear.

Although evangelicals at the beginning of the twenty-first century are engaged in a plethora of virtuous activities they have failed to cultivate serious and sustained intellectual reflection on the world. While some might question why this is a problem, Noll argues that intellectual activity cannot be ignored by Christians. "For an entire Christian community to neglect, generation after generation, serious attention to the mind, nature, society, the arts - all spheres created by God and sustained for his own glory - may be, in fact, sinful."¹ This is a harsh pronouncement, but Noll's description is exactly what has happened during the past century. North America's evangelical culture has come to the point where "its members rarely seek to bring the Christian faith into relation with knowledge about society, the arts, humanity and nature."²

Noll does not want a reversal of present thinking; he does not want people to deny the existence of the

supernatural realm or forget scripture. True Christian intellectual pursuit acknowledges that, "the sovereign Christ can be exalted by humble activity in every legitimate sphere of human life, including the life of the mind."³

Knowledge is not an abstract correspondence of our thinking with reality. In the words of Jonathan Edwards, the great evangelical leader of the nineteenth century, true knowledge is "the consistency and agreement of our ideas with the ideas of God."⁴ Therefore, for a Christian, the mind is important because God is important.

Noll has delivered a bleak message to his audience. However, his conclusion is both encouraging and constructive. Though it may seem that evangelicals do not have a lot to offer to Christian intellectual life, they do possess a sense of spiritual urgency, an attachment to Scripture and a commitment to the truth of the incarnation. Here then, is an invitation to step up to the challenge of taking this world and all of its created complexities seriously and seeking to understand it better to the glory of God.

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For Such a Time as This

—by Kevin Kirk, Director of Enrollment



Like Mordecai and Esther, we face circumstances about which we have little or no insight. At times like these you may wonder what God is up to. You can reflect in the way that Mordecai did – by comparing the events of life with what you know about God to discover what His purposes may be.

This is why Christ-centered schools, such as Tyndale, must engage in the work of educating God's people in areas traditionally considered improper for Christian schools. Not very long ago, Christ-centered schools trained people for vocational ministry and nothing more. Although many, including Tyndale, still train Christians for ministry, today's generation cries out for a solid Biblical understanding of our

In the familiar story of Esther, Mordecai is honoured as a hero. He was able to recognize both Haman's secret plot to destroy the Jews and God's hidden purposes in Esther's position as queen. The result of his cultural sensitivity? A nation was saved.

times. Unless we engage in teaching in such areas as psychology, history, philosophy, English, and business, we miss the God-given opportunity to allow this next generation of workers to impact His world for His glory.

The Christ-centered school has three main distinctives. Firstly, it assumes that the world and all things in it are God's. The belief that the Bible and our understanding of God have a profound impact on how we view each discipline of study influences the curriculum and teaching of each course.

Secondly, the Christ-centered school strives to answer the question, "How do we live 'Christianly' in today's world?" It seeks to teach students how to engage in the culture and, more importantly, how to address the really tough daily struggles.

Lastly, a Christ-centered school takes a

holistic approach to education. The educational approach focuses on the whole person, not just academics. We want to offer solid academics and practical experience, and we strive to impact each student at the core of who they are. We emphasize spiritual growth and character development so that students leave with knowledge and skills, but also as better people who have had the opportunity to grow and develop more Christ-like characters.

Like Mordecai we all must develop a way with which we can interpret our culture and see how God is working. Offering majors in areas both within and outside of vocational ministry allows us to prepare students for secular employment in the marketplace as well as preparing the next wave of vocational ministers.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament Report

—by Gary Dupuis, The Tyndale Foundation

There's an old saying that "it never rains on the golf course." Anyone who plays the game knows that's not true, but what's really being said is that compared to the daily grind, a game of golf can make even the dreariest day seem like the sun is shining brightly. So when you're fortunate enough in mid-September to have the privilege of playing at a wonderful venue like Clublink's King's Riding Golf Club amid beautiful blue skies, great friends and supporting a great cause like Tyndale College &

Seminary, you are truly blessed. Such was the case for the almost 140 golfers who participated in Tyndale's 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic held on September 17th.

The guest speaker for the evening was Kevin Jenkins, President, CEO and Director of Westaim Corporation. He delivered a thought-provoking message concerning the importance of accountability, perseverance and commitment to daily time alone with God, as necessities to overcoming the difficulties facing business leaders today. He challenged each of us to examine our patterns of living, where we spend our time and money to see how these activities line up with our stated beliefs about Christ. Delivered with an honesty and openness that surprised many, listeners



▲ Brian C. Stiller with Norm and Paul Allan
► Guest speaker Kevin Jenkins
► Master of Ceremonies Paul Henderson and outgoing organizer Les McFarlane



were left with many serious questions to consider in their personal lives and personal walk with the Lord.

Paul Henderson once again did a remarkable job as Master of Ceremonies. Les McFarlane, Steve Boehmer and Maria Schindel's countless hours in background preparation ensured the day was a success. We would like to thank all the sponsors and golfers who took time out of their very busy schedules to support Tyndale at this event. We recognize that time is our most valuable asset and your attendance combined with your faithful financial support over the years has truly been a blessing.



Alumni Updates

If you have updates, news, or letters that you would like to share with the Tyndale community, please call the Alumni Office at 416-226-6620 ext. 2107 or toll free at 1-877-TYNDALE (896-3253). The e-mail address is alumni@tyndale.ca. For more news and notes, go to www.tyndale.ca/alumni.

Mark (OBC '89) and Mary (OBC '93) Chapman have 3 boys: Joshua (8), Thomas (4), and Noah (3). Mary is a busy mom who volunteers at their son's school as well as at the church. Mark has completed 6 years as an elder in their local church. Mark is currently finishing his Ph.D. in Religious Studies at the University of Toronto.



Len (OBC '93) and Terrie Lynn (Hanser) Dundys are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Emily Ruth was born September 13, 2002.

Andrew Gordon (OBC '91, OTS '96) was ordained to Christian Ministry by Chartwell Baptist Church on May 23, 2002. Andrew is teaching pastor for Chartwell's congregation in Mississauga where he and his wife Amy (OBC '94) live with their two sons Jonathan (3) and Matthew (2). The Gordons can be contacted at andrew@chartwellchurch.org.

Mark (OTS '91) and Gretchen Potma are pleased to announce the birth of Benjamin Kenneth, a brother for Luke and Noemi. Benjamin was born on June 11, 2002, weighing 7lbs and 11oz. Gretchen and Benjamin are doing well in Prague, where the family serves with TEAM in Church Planting and Evangelism.



Dr. Ron Unruh was elected as President of the Evangelical Free Churches of Canada. He is a graduate of both Ontario Bible College '69, Ontario Theological Seminary '81 and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 1998. His wife Christine is an OBC graduate of '67. Ron has pastored two Associated Gospel churches and two Fellowship Evangelical Baptist churches, most recently in Cloverdale, BC.

Memorials:

Our dear friends who have gone to be with the Lord.

Mrs. Ellen A. Callander (TBC '31), wife of William Callander, passed away on July 29, 2002 at the age of 96. Ellen was a graduate of Toronto Bible College and Hamilton General Hospital. Following her studies Ellen served as a missionary in Brazil for 40 years with the Gospel Missionary Union. Ellen will be sadly missed by her husband and many nieces, nephews and friends.



Beth R. Daley (OBC '52) passed away June 29, 2002.

Mrs. Gertrude Jones (TBC '30) passed away September 9, 2002 in Toronto, Ontario where she had been living these past years. Gertrude will be missed by many whose lives she had greatly blessed over the years. Gertrude was among those who first studied at the Spadina Road campus many years ago. From there she served in various ministries. Most significant was her involvement with the New Testament Missionary Union in Peru and Argentina and a church plant in which she and her husband were involved. Her life, which she dedicated to service, was celebrated in 2001 when Gertrude received Tyndale's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award.



Janet Madeline (Mills) Martin (TBC '54) passed away June 29, 02 after a long illness with cancer. Janet will be sadly missed by her husband, Tilman Martin (TBC '53) and family.



Tribute to Kenneth LeRoy Miles ('34)

Submitted by Kenneth's daughter, Dorothy Hurt

Kenneth LeRoy Miles was born and brought up on a farm near Brantford, Ontario. After graduating from Ontario Bible College, he attended the National Bible Institute in New York City for two years. There he met Mary Brown, another Canadian, whom he married in 1936. Kenneth completed his education concurrently with teaching and preaching, earning a BA degree in English and Speech at Seattle Pacific University, an MA degree at the University of Washington, and a ThD degree at the National Bible Seminary. Later he served several churches including First Baptist Church in Wenatchee, Washington and Ballard Baptist Church in

Seattle. In 1986 Mary died after a prolonged illness. In 1989 Dr. Miles married Alison Fowler Short, whose father had been his professor at the National Bible Institute many years earlier. He is survived by his wife, Alison; daughter Margaret Miles, Berekely, CA; daughter Dorothy Hurt, Oroville, CA; daughter, Marilyn McMahon, Colville, WA; and son, Wendell Miles, Colville, WA; step-daughter, Lois Huisman, Grand Rapids, MI; step-daughter, Mary Gautier, Seattle, WA; step-son, Dan Short, La Habra, CA; and Tim Short, Seattle, WA. He has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LBI/LCBM Family Reunion 2003

Friday, May 23rd & Saturday, May 24th
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Note: If you did not receive our LBI October Newsletter, please contact the Registrar. Forms will be in our February Newsletter.

Join with us as we share together our "Lessons from Living!"

The London Ladies: A Closing Chapter of Tyndale History

—by Jill Potter, Alumni Co-ordinator

Many years ago a group of ladies desired to serve their school with purpose. These ladies joined together to pray for the school and students, provide practically for the needs of the school, connect with students through prayer and friendship and fellowship together as women of like minds.

In 1955, the fellowship of the London Ladies Auxiliary was formed by Georgetta Gannett, wife of Dr. Aldon Gannett, President. The group met monthly to lift up the school in prayer and to discuss new ways to practically support the school.

Since that founding year the Ladies Auxiliary have met faithfully in prayer for Tyndale and have completed many work projects. During the past years the ladies have done everything from gardening to buying bedspreads to make dorm rooms look more attractive for the students. More recently, on the new campus, the ladies purchased couches, chairs, and



fridges for the student lounges. This past year the Ladies donated a much needed electronic bulletin board for foyer.

The ladies have been a tremendous example of what it means to be Christ's hands and feet as they have served in many particular ways. The time the ladies spent in prayer for Tyndale has also been a great blessing. President Stiller has this to say of the Ladies Auxiliary, "Let it forever be known that the London Ladies Auxiliary has been one of the singular reasons why Tyndale College & Seminary is experiencing the blessing of the Lord. As you wrapped your arms around us, you did so with an awareness that the preparation of leadership is absolutely central to what we do as a Church. Your contribution not only reinforced

that calling, but your very efforts have served to lift our arms in the battle."

The ladies have worked humbly behind the scenes to bring glory to God through their service. The ladies hold special memories of working in the gardens with President Stiller in the spring of 1995 and sleeping in the dorms for their annual spring cleaning on campus. With these 47 years of fellowship and memories the London Ladies are writing the final pages to their chapter. On October the 7th the London Ladies held their last formal meeting of prayer for Tyndale.

Ladies, we cannot express to you how grateful we are for the time you have given to your school over the years. You have been a blessing and an encouragement. May you continue to feel the presence of God in your lives.

Celebrating 50 Years with the Class of '53

All Graduates of the Class of '53 are invited to the **Golden Miler Celebration**

April 1, 2003 at Tyndale College & Seminary
Registration, Tea & Coffee begin at 11:00 am

For more information contact Jill Potter in the Alumni Office at (416) 226-6620, x2107 or jpotter@tyndale.ca.



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Alumnus Dr. Anand Chaudhari reaches millions in India

—by Jill Potter, Alumni Co-ordinator

The Rajasthan Bible Institute (RBI) is a glorious example of how one man's desire to serve the Lord can impact thousands of lives. The RBI, founded and directed by Dr. Anand Chaudhari (OBC '69), has been sharing the gospel across North India for the past 44 years.

The Rajasthan Bible Institute uses a multi-faceted strategy to share the gospel with over 500 million Hindi-speaking people. Dr. Chaudhari's daily radio broadcasts provide a first contact for many people who have never heard the gospel. In coordination with his radio gospel and through the RBI, he also sends out graduates from his training school who are equipped to disciple listeners who have responded to the radio broadcasts.

Statistically, Dr. Chaudhari's ministry has been very successful in spite of the growing pressures in India. His daily



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radio audience is estimated at almost 12 million. On average, over 100 listeners write for more information each day. Listeners are from 47,000 towns and villages and to this date there are more than 80,000 converts. As a result of these initiatives at least 1,500 church and worship groups have been formed among tribal peoples and those of Hindu background. Currently there are 260 trained, full-time evangelists working in the field and another 120 are waiting to move out when resources are available.

Recently Dr. Chaudhari visited Canada. Partners International celebrated his life and ministry with a banquet held at Tyndale College & Seminary. The banquet was a time of fellowship and blessings for those who Dr. Chaudhari has worked with over the years along with some friends he met and studied with at Ontario Bible College.

In the late 60's Dr. Chaudhari came from India to study at Ontario Bible College so that he could be trained to minister to those who did not know Christ. He then returned to his native country and to this day has been true to his calling in service to the Lord.

Distinguished Alumni

We are accepting nominations from the College and Seminary alumni for the Distinguished Alumni award which is presented in May. Please send the name of your nominee and a brief description for your nomination to Jill Potter in the Alumni Office. Faculty at the College and Seminary and an alumni representative will vote on the finalists. *Please note that nominations made the previous year are not carried over.*

Nominee Name: _____

Reasons for nomination: _____

RA Alumni Floor Hockey

This past March at our annual RA Alumni Floor Hockey Tournament, alumni had a great time on and off the floor. Both the women's and men's teams played well against the current RAs, but we need more male RA Alumni players! Mark Saturday, March 29th on your calendars and be sure to come out and support your team at this year's challenge. All alumni are invited to come to cheer on your friends as well as to join us for pizza after the games.



Child care will be provided for toddler age and up during the games. For more information contact Sharolyn McLeod (smleod@tyndale.ca) or Janet Phillips (jphillips@tyndale.ca). See you there!

Until We Meet Again

During her trip to China in May, Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Professor of Old Testament and Major Coordinator, Pastoral & Chinese Ministry at the Seminary, met with Adjunct Faculty member Maggie Wu, as well as several alumni in Hong Kong: Bo Bo Chan, Timothy Ngai, Holly Do, Eva Wat, and Karin Lui.



Nominator's Name _____

Telephone Number () _____

Tyndale Credits Recognized



Mathew Oakes

Mathew Oakes, a 2001-2002 Tyndale College student, has successfully transferred into the second year of studies at the University of Toronto after a foundational year at Tyndale. Sarah Lublink (BRS 2000) transferred 2 years of Tyndale credit into a 4-year B.A. at York University.

Tyndale's University Foundation Year is for those who desire the experience of solid academic studies in a Christian context before

going on to further studies at another institution. The Tyndale experience gives an introduction to the arts, social sciences, business, and religious studies at a university level, a

heightened emphasis on writing clear and effective papers, and a challenge to learn to use a research library. These goals are achieved while enjoying the benefits of small classes, highly-qualified professors, committed Christian students, vibrant campus life with opportunities for spiritual growth, and ministry opportunities in Toronto, one of the world's most multicultural cities.

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Students Involved in Tyndale Clergy Wellness Project

—by Betty Catto and Sandi Coleman

Tyndale has embarked on a new frontier under the direction and leadership of Dr. Wanda Malcolm, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Dr. Malcolm and four Tyndale psychology students, in partnership with the Toronto Diocese of the Anglican Church in Canada, are combining their efforts in an empirical research study called the "Tyndale Clergy Wellness Project." The main focus of the research study will be to identify the factors that contribute to clergy wellness versus clergy burnout.

The Tyndale students involved in this study are Betty Catto, Sharon Giles, Michelle Niblock and Sandi Coleman. Their participation in this research will enable them to gain credits for Community Service and/or a Directed Studies course. Different aspects of the project may also become the basis of a Senior

Seminar research project for one or more of these students. Two research assistants have also joined the Tyndale team: Elizabeth Walker, R.N., an active lay member of the Anglican Church, and Réjeanne Dupuis, a Ph.D. candidate at York University. Walker and Dupuis both have extensive research experience and will assist in

determining the design of the study and analyzing the results.

During the fall semester, the students are involved in reviewing existing scholarly literature to determine what is already known about various aspects of wellness and burnout among clergy, such as common stress factors, the positive and negative health behaviours that mitigate stress, social support, and the role conflicts inherent in ordained life.

Since most of the existing research regarding clergy wellness has been conducted in the United States, the Tyndale Clergy Wellness Project constitutes groundbreaking research from a Canadian perspective. Dr. Malcolm and her team of assistants are excited about this unique opportunity, and have already begun the initial phase of the project.

► (L-R): Sandi Coleman, Betty Catto, Sharon Giles, Dr. Wanda Malcolm, Michelle Niblock



On the Life of the Christian Mind

—by Michael Daley



Having submitted our application for the BA in Philosophy, it seems fitting that we should reflect upon just what it means to think as a Christian. St. Paul describes the Christian mind as one that demolishes “arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and [takes] captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” But what does this mean? How does one think as a Christian?



How is it that we can think as Christians without first addressing the question of whether or not God is actually real or, if He is real, whether or not He exists as a state of affairs someone to which we can make unambiguous reference? Well, though the proof for the existence of God is a problem of logic, it is important to note that the problem of proofs for God's existence is not really all that strange. Epistemological systems such as atheism also suffer from the same burden of proof.

In *Quam Dilecta*, Peter van Inwagen writes that there is a “widespread double standard in writings about the relation of religious belief to evidence and argument. This double standard consists in setting religious belief a test it could not possibly

pass, and in studiously ignoring the fact that almost none of our beliefs on any subject could possibly pass this test.”

Philosophers disagree on all sorts of questions related to reality. For instance, they disagree on the existence of other minds, whether or not the external world exists, whether or not everyone else is some cleverly constructed robot, or even if the world was constructed five minutes ago. Each of these questions has been debated for many, many years, but there has not been found a proof so convincing as to cause philosophers to call these questions closed. However, few philosophers today operate on the assumption that these questions must be answered before any other topics may be addressed. It is at least reasonable, then, to presuppose the existence of God for the

Christian. Rather than devoting our time and energy to proving our presuppositions to be factual, attention must be paid to the results of the beliefs which we hold – namely, that Jesus Christ was a real person in history, who was crucified, died, buried and who was resurrected. The logical outcome of these beliefs is a system of thought predicated not on scepticism and doubt, but on the factual claim that God is real and that His truths have real application in time and space.

These presuppositions have a widespread and significant application for the Christian, not the least of which is philosophy. Rather than applying logic to questions of the reality of God (I am speaking here of Christian philosophy in particular), our beliefs must direct all we say and do.

As we embark on a new chapter in the life of Tyndale College, we must not ask the question of what philosophy has to offer to our theology, but rather, how our theology (ie. Who God is) directs not what we think, but how we think. The life of the Christian mind is, therefore, a very serious subject, one which must not be taken lightly, but rather be a response to God's redemptive work in us, the Church at large.

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Greece, a Forgotten Nation

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The majority of Western evangelicals are unaware of the great need for the nation of Greece to be reached with the gospel. After all, Greece is the country through which the gospel entered into the Western world, and whose language the New Testament was written.



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a land filled with New Testament history and though Christianity has been part of the national heritage, few Greeks have a personal relationship with Christ.

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